JUL 2 3 2003 Application No. 09/966,677 TRANSMITTAL FORM TRADE Filing Date September 28, 2001 (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) First Named Inventor Kenneth J. Lancos Group Art Unit 2876 **Examiner Name** Steve S. Paik Total Number of Pages in This Submission 18 Attorney Docket Number 5243P002 (check all that apply) **ENCLOSURES** After Allowance Communication Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) to Group Fee Attached Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences Licensing-related Papers Amendment / Response Petition Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) After Final Petition to Convert a Provisional Application Proprietary Information Affidavits/declaration(s) Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address Status Letter Extension of Time Request Other Enclosure(s) Terminal Disclaimer (please identify below): **Express Abandonment Request** Request for Refund Information Disclosure Statement Petition for Extension of Time two (2) months. PTO/SB/08 CD, Number of CD(s) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Remarks Basic Filing Fee Declaration/POA Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm George L. Fountain, Reg. No. 36,374 Individual name BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP Signature Jul√21, 2003 Date CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with

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In re Application of:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR For:

> PROVIDING MONETARY CREDITS TO A GUEST WITHIN A COVER AREA

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 28, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action expired on May 28, 2003. To extend the time for filing to the response, a Petition for a two-month extension is filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response. This complete set of claims excludes canceled claims 29-32 and includes amended claims 19, 22-27.

- (Original) A method of providing monetary credits to a guest at a coverage area, 1 1. 2 comprising:
  - 3 receiving payment from said guest for said monetary credits;
  - reading an identification tag worn by said guest to obtain a tag identifier;
    - accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and

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